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Hon. Sidney H. Stein  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

Re: Almontaser v. New York City Department of Education, et al.  
CV-07-10444 (SHS) (FM)

Dear Judge Stein:

I write on behalf of all of the parties to respectfully request that the deadline for the close of fact discovery in this case be extended from October 31 to December 15, 2008. In June, the parties served each other with their initial disclosures and with interrogatories and document requests. Shortly thereafter, we engaged in settlement discussions. During the period we were discussing settlement, we agreed to suspend each other's obligations to respond to the discovery requests. On August 1, it became clear that the parties would not be able to settle this case and we are resuming discovery. Given the amount of time that has elapsed during our settlement discussions, we do not believe that we will be able to complete discovery by October 31. We thus jointly request an extension of the fact discovery deadline to December 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED 8/14/08

cc: Clare Norins (by electronic mail)

  
SIDNEY H. STEIN  
U.S.D.J.